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SUBJ: ECUADOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S COMMENTS ON CUBA, ETC.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER JOSE AYALA, IN A JUNE 23 SPEECH, STATED THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WAS CONTINUING TO STUDY THE QUESTION OF RENEWING TIES WITH CUBA. AYALA STATED THAT ECUADOR WAS FOLLOWING THE COURSE OF OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IN CONSIDERING THE QUESTION AND WHEN THE MOMENT WAS OPPORTUNE, WOULD TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION.

2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER WAS SPEAKING IN THE COASTAL CITY OF MACHALA AT THE INVITATION OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL. IN HIS REMARKS, AYALA STATED THAT ECUADOR'S ESPousal OF THE 200-MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CONCEPT WAS A "TRUE DIPLOMATIC TRIUMPH", REAFFIRMING ECUADOREAN INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY. HE NOTED THAT ECUADOR BEGAN THE FIGHT ALMOST ISOLATED AND NOW HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, AYALA MAINTAINED THAT, AS IN ALL DEMOCRATIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES, ECUADOREANS ENJOY FREEDOM OF THE PRESS WHICH SERVES AS A VITAL INPUT INTO GOE DECISION-MAKING.

3. COMMENT: AYALA'S STATEMENTS IN NO WAY DIVERGE FROM THE PREVIOUSLY PRONOUNCED POLICIES OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THE CUBAN COMMENT WAS A CAREFULLY ENUNCIATED, CAUTIOUS STATEMENT IMPLYING THAT ECUADOR WOULD TAKE ITS CUE ON

CUBA FROM OTHER CONTINENTAL REPUBLICS'ACTIONS, INCLUDING,
PRESUMABLY, THE UNITED STATES. THERE WAS VERY LITTLE
PLAY ON THE MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE NATIONAL
NEWSPAPERS, PROBABLY BECAUSE IT WAS NOTHING NEW. ONE
EDITORIAL APPEARED IN GUAYAQUIL'S EL TELEGRAFO WHICH
URGED CAUTION, CITING CUBA'S RECENT MILITARISTIC
ADVENTURISM IN AFRICA AND CLAIMED THAT A CUBAN MISSION
IN ECUADOR WOULD BE THE SOURCE OF NATIONAL DISCORD.
THE EDITORIAL CLAIMED THAT CUBA HAS NOT AND WILL NEVER
RENOUNCE ITS IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL PROPAGANDA AND
WARNED THAT THE JANUARY MEETING OF LABOR LEADERS IN
HAVANA, WHICH INCLUDED CHILEAN EXILES, PLANNED AN
EXTREMIST CAMPAIGN THAT WILL COVER THE LENGTH AND WIDTH
OF THE HEMISPHERE.

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